MENIALS IN THE HUZUR SECRETARIAT—PARTICULARS OF

83. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the total number of persons in the menial service in the Huzur Secretariat;
(*b*) the number of Arayans?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) Thirty-one.
(*b*) Nil.

KUVAPPADAM SCHEME—COST OF

84. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) what will be the total cost of the Kuvappadam scheme;
(*b*) has Government approved the scheme;
(*c*) if the answer is the negative, what are the reasons for not accepting the scheme?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) The estimated cost is Rs. 4,51,250.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) In view of the present international situation the scheme has been postponed for the duration of the war.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: With regard to answer to sub-division (c) does it imply that the scheme will be taken up after the war?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It can be considered again after the war.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Is the scheme approved.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It involves a lot of expenditure. The scheme therefore requires further scrutiny.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT PEISHKAR, PERSONAL ASSISTANT, ETC.

85. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to define the functions and duties of the following officers.—
(*a*) the Diwan Peishkar;
(*b*) Assistant Diwan Peishkar;
(*c*) Personal Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar;
(*d*) Special Officer for Prices?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:
(*a*) All powers vested in the Diwan Peishkar by Statutes and under the provisions of the *Land Revenue Manual.*
(*b*) Disposal of all correspondence relating to the revenue work of the Diwan Peishkar other than those specified in Schedule I appended. He will also be in charge of the work of Food Production Commissioner from 16th Karkadagam 1117.
(*c*) Vide Schedule II appended. *(Please see Appendix I)*
(*d*) Duties connected with the control of prices as contemplated in the Defence of India Act as made applicable to Cochin and those connected with the working of the provisions of the Food Grains Control Order.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Is not the present Assistant Diwan Peishkar the Census Officer?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes. He is.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Is he given any allowance for this work?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: He is given no allowance.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether some experience in the revenue line will not be of considerable help in the discharge of the duties of the Assistant Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: I think he was dealing with these papers in the Huzur Office and he has passed the Revenue Test.

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